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SUBJECT: REFUGEES EX-CHILE-UNHCR/ICEM

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1. UNHCR IS AMENABLE TO RECEIVING POSSIBLE GRANTS FROM USG FOR ASSISTANCE TO SUBJECT REFUGEES INCLUDING PORTIONS EAR-MARKED FOR ICEM'S RESETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES BEHALF NON-UNHCR MANDATED PERSONS AS WELL AS MANDATE REFUGEES. MISSION SHARES DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT IT IS PREFERABLE TO USE SINGLE UNHCR CHANNEL FOR SUCH PAYMENTS ESPECIALLY AS UNHCR IS PRINCIPAL CONTROL AGENT OF OPERATIONS.

2. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL A, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT ROUGH ONE-THIRD GUIDELINE BE FOLLOWED FOR USG SUPPORT SUBJECT REFUGEES.

3. RESPECT 3-4000 REFUGEES EX-CHILE IN PERU, THEY WERE ADMITTED FOR TEMPORARY STAY AND NOT RPT NOT PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT. UNHCR REP IN FRG (BERTA) WILL PROCEED LIMA WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS FOR PURPOSE ASSESSING PROBLEM AND DEVELOPING ACTION PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION BY UNHCR GENEVA. AT THIS JUNCTURE, UNHCR AND ICEM PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT MOST IF NOT ALL THESE REFUGEES WILL REQUIRE RESETTLEMENT ABROAD AND OWING LACK OF SUITABLE RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES, THE PERMANENT SOLUTION
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THIS PARTICULAR REFUGEE GROUP EXPECTED BE TIME-CONSUMING AND

COSTLY.

4. FYI: THE UNHCR'S ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT IS \$1.2 MILLION AS OUTLINED REFTEL B PROVIDES FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES EX-CHILE UP TO SEPTEMBER 30 ONLY. UNHCR NOW ANTICIPATES THAT ASSISTANCE FOR THIS GROUP WILL BE REQUIRED WELL BEYOND SEPTEMBER 30 AND UNHCR INTENDS REVIEW MATTER AT AUTUMN SESSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PLAN FURTHER PROGRAMMING ACCORDINGLY. AT THIS JUNCTURE, UNHCR ESTIMATES THAT OVER AND ABOVE THE \$1.2 MILLION, AN ADDITIONAL \$2.8 MILLION WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET NEEDS OF SUBJECT REFUGEES THROUGHOUT CY-1975.

5. THUS, IF ONE-THIRD FUNDING GUIDELINE FOLLOWED, AN AMOUNT CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN \$450,000 WILL BE REQUIRED FROM USG TO SUPPORT UNHCR/ICEM ASSISTANCE EFFORTS BEHALF SUBJECT REFUGEES. FOR REASONS INDICATED ABOVE, MISSION BELIEVES \$1 MILLION WOULD BE A MORE REALISTIC ESTIMATE.

6. APART SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS ALREADY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROGRAM FROM DENMARK, NETHERLANDS AND SWEDEN TALLING \$700,000 (REFTEL C), UNHCR EXPECTS RECEIVE \$250,000 FROM SWITZERLAND IN EARLY FUTURE. MOREOVER, UNHCR CURRENTLY MAKING EFFORTS RECEIVE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, FRG, JAPAN, NORWAY AND VENEZUELA. UNHCR ALSO HOPEFUL DENMARK, NETHERLANDS AND SWEDEN WILL PROVIDE FURTHER GENEROUS MEASURE OF SUPPORT. DETAILS OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL BE REPORTED AS AND WHEN KNOWN. ICEM DIRECTOR'S LETTER RELATING TO \$125,000 REQUIREMENT IS ICEM'S ONLY FUND-RAISING EFFORT THIS REGARD.

7. UNHCR INFORMS THAT FUNDS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE ARE SUFFICIENT TO KEEP CHILE REFUGEE PROGRAM OPERATING UNTIL END MAY. ANTICIPATED SWISS CONTRIBUTION COULD COVER NEEDS THROUGHOUT JUNE. NEW CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM BEYOND JUNE. DALE

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